

# Sea Cadets hold change of command aboard Missouri



JO2 Erin Tholen photo

USS Missouri Sea Cadet Division stands in formation during its change of command ceremony aboard the Battleship Missouri Sept 8. CTM2 Crystal Enriquez relieved Army Staff Sgt. Nathan Rolf as commanding officer of the Sea Cadet Division.

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Sea Cadet Lt. Nathan Rolf (Army Staff Sgt. Nathan Rolf) realized one of his dreams and was instrumental in bringing a Sea Cadet unit onboard the “Mighty Mo”. In ceremonies held Sept. 8 aboard the famed battleship, he relinquished command of the USS Missouri Sea Cadet Division to Sea Cadet Ens.

Crystal Enriquez (CTM 2nd Class Crystal Enriquez). Rolf started out as a Sea Cadet himself eight years ago in Chicago, Ill. before joining the Army in 1994. He subsequently headed Sea Cadets in such places as California and Ft. Gordon, Ga. before coming to Hawaii in June 2000. Stationed at NSGA Kunia, Rolf soon began working with the Navy League and the educational director at the USS

Missouri Memorial to get the cadets onboard the ship. “It didn’t take me too long to come up with this impossible dream to see a Sea Cadet unit onboard the Missouri manning the decks as her crew,” said Rolf. “To bring a growing and ever-changing unit like the Sea Cadets to a great piece of living history like this battleship was something that was out there that I wanted to see happen. Dreaming is easy. Doing is the tough part,” he said. Cmdr. Andrew Singer, Naval Security Group Activity (NSGA) Kunia, was the keynote speaker, and outlined Rolf’s accomplishments during the year that he led the Sea Cadets. “First of all, he integrated this great unit into this great ship,” said Singer. “Next, he tripled the unit size which is quite an accomplishment. He also integrated this unit with a lot of organizations to include things as far away as the Coast Guard station on Maui.” Added Singer, “But I would say, most importantly, what he has done for you young men and women is something you probably wanted when starting out as a Sea Cadet. The Sea Cadet mission is to help you realize your personal success and help you achieve. I think Sea Cadet Lt. Rolf has done that for you. And I am also sure that Sea Cadet Ens. Enriquez will continue to do that for you.” Enriquez served as the executive officer before stepping up to commanding officer. “Ens. Enriquez is going to lead you with a few things and one is passion,” said Singer. “You will know that she is passionate about service - Naval service

and service to her nation. You will know that she is bold. She is here today because she is bold, standing up to be the commanding officer of this unit. You will also know, and you already do know, that she has the courage to do what it takes to make everybody better. And she will do that.” A division of the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corp, the Sea Cadets are a federally-chartered youth training organization for young people ages 11-17 that trains with the Navy, Coast Guard and other military organizations. The Battleship Missouri Sea Cadet division is the first of its kind in the nation ever to be assigned to an actual ship. The Battleship Missouri Sea Cadet Division is in part supported by the Barbers Point Navy League Council. For almost 20 years, they have given financial support, public affairs support and served as volunteers. “They keep the unit running in the background,” said Rolf of the Navy League Council. “The stuff that the Sea Cadet staff does not do, they are back there helping us out and keeping us on our feet.” Upon leaving the Sea Cadets, Rolf reminded the youth of their mission and their need to meet it. “To this division, I leave you with a challenge,” said Rolf. “I am going to South Command in Miami, Fla. on the other side of this country. “My challenge to you is to continue growing, continue making an impact. And in that process, make such a noise that I hear you all the way over there. I challenge you guys to be the best unit in the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps,” concluded Rolf.

## NMCRS administers special fund for dependents of Pentagon victims

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ARLINGTON, Va. (NNS) — The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society (NMCRS) has accepted the responsibility of administering a special fund, titled “Pentagon Assistance Fund,” to benefit families of Navy military personnel killed in the Sept. 11 attack on the

Pentagon. Having most recently administered the fund for the survivors of the terrorist attack in October 2000 on USS Cole (DDG 67), the Department of the Navy turned to NMCRS as a first choice for this important task. John Alexander, director of communications for NMCRS, emphasizes that fully 100 per-

cent of donations to the Society are used as financial support. In that regard, the main focus of all donations collected for the Pentagon Assistance Fund will be used to ensure dependent children and spouses have the opportunity to earn college degrees. NMCRS, as a non-profit, charitable organization, cannot solicit funds, but welcomes

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